UNITED STATE FOR THE DISTRICT	FILED S DISTRICT COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS TO MASSACHUSETTS
MICHAEL J. BARNETT, M.D Plaintiff,  v.  EAST CAROLINA NEUROLOGY, INC. Defendant	Civil Action No. 3:04-CV-30001 (MAP)  U.S. DISTRICT COURS  DISTRICT OF MASS  ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME TO ANSWER OR OTHERWISE RESPOND TO COMPLAINT

Defendant East Carolina Neurology, Inc. ("ECN"), respectfully moves the Court for an order enlarging the time within which it may answer or otherwise respond to the plaintiff's complaint, by a period of twenty (20) days, to and including the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2004. In support of its motion, ECN respectfully states as follows:

- 1. On or about November 12, 2003, plaintiff Michael J. Barnett, M.D. ("Dr. Barnett") filed an action against ECN in the Superior Court of Hampshire County, Massachusetts, entitled *Michael J. Barnett, M.D. v. East Carolina Neurology, Inc.*, HSCV2003-0246.
- 2. Dr. Barnett effected service of process on ECN on or about December 17, 2003. On January 5, 2004, ECN removed the action to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 81(c), an answer or other response to the complaint currently is due on or before January 12, 2004.
- 3. ECN requires the requested extension of time in order to investigate further the allegations and claims in the complaint and prepare a response to the complaint.
- 4. Counsel for ECN has consulted counsel of record for Dr. Barnett with respect to the requested enlargement of time, and counsel for Dr. Barnett has represented that Dr. Barnett assents to the requested enlargement of time.

WHEREFORE, ECN respectfully moves the Court to enter an order enlarging the time within which ECN can serve its answer or otherwise respond to the complaint by a period of twenty (20) days, to and including the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2004.

Respectfully submitted, this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 7th day of January, 2004, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Assented-To Motion to Enlarge Time to Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint to be served by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, upon: Harry L. Miles, Esq., 77 Pleasant Street, P.O. Box 210, Northampton, MA 01061 and James K. Dorsett, III, Esq., Susan H. Hargrove, Esq., P.O. Box 2611, Raleigh, NC 27602-2611.